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TARGET TO REDUCE BURN-IN TIME
AND SPUTTERING TARGET THEREOF
AND APPARATUS THEREOF

AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

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Sir:

This is in complete response to the Official Action issued October 17, 2008. The Examiner set a three-month period for response. Given that the January 17th was a Saturday, and January 18-20 were Federal holidays, this After Final Amendment is due on January 21, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims appear on Page 2 of this paper.

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